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Analyze Literature: Thematic Studies

A **theme** is a central message or perception about life that is revealed through a literary work.

Answer the following questions about the themes in *Antigone* on the lines below. You may use your own paper as needed.

1. **Law.** One theme dealt with in *Antigone* is the importance of following laws in order to maintain a healthy state or kingdom. What are the attitudes of Antigone, Creon, Ismene, and the Chorus toward laws? Consider both the laws of the gods and those of kings. Which laws do you think the author of the play believed were supreme? Cite evidence from the play to support your answer.

2. **Fate.** Analyze the theme of fate in *Antigone*. Which events do the characters blame on “fate”? Which events do you think the characters brought upon themselves? Which do they have no control over—in other words, which could have been caused by fate? Whom do you blame for the tragic events of *Antigone*? Support your answer with examples from the play.



- ## AFTER READING